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SUBJECT:ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: PROJECT VI-2.1

-EFFECTS OF POLLUTANTS ON MARINE ORGANISMS: PROPOSED

-JOINT CRUISE ON R/V "MOSCOW UNIVERSITY"

REF: MOSCOW 6791; STATE 103196

-SCICOUNS PLS PASS DR. WM. BROWN FROM EPA ASSOC.ADMTR.GREEN

1. LTR FROM KUVSHINNIKOV TO YOU DATED MAY 12 JUST RECEIVED.

IT ELABORATES ON PLAN FOR CRUISE, AND CONFIRMS THAT VESSEL

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AND SCIENTISTS WILL CONNECT AT NEW YORK APPROX. JULY 21

RPT 21. LTR REFLECTS EARLIER THINKING THAT VESSEL WOULD

THEN PROCEED TO WOODS HOLE AND DEPART JULY 26.

2. AS YOU ARE AWARE, EPA WORKING ON ALTERNATE PLAN FOR VESSEL TO BERTH AT UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND PIER ADJACENT TO EPA NARRAGANSETT LAB, INSTEAD OF WOODS HOLE. CRUISE WOULD DEPART FROM THERE JULY 26. PENSACOLA AND MIAMI NOT CURRENTLY FEASIBLE PORTS FOR CONCLUSION OF CRUISE. DR. SCHNEIDER PROPOSES VESSEL PUT IN TO MOBILE. HE WOULD THE TRANSPORT SCIENTIFIC WORKERS OVERLAND TO EPA GULF BREEZE LAB AND RETURN THEM TO MOBILE. US SIDE APPRECIATES KIND OFFER FOR AMERICANS TO CONTINUE TO SANTA CRUZ DE

TENERIFE, BUT UNFORTUNATELY CANNOT ACCEPT BECAUSE OF OTHER PRIOR COMMITMENTS.

3. SOVIET NOTE TO DEPT COVERED ONLY PORT CALLS TO SAN JUAN, WOODS HOLE, AND NEW YORK PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF US-SOVIET JOINT CRUISE, AS KUVSHINNIKOV'S LTR RECOGNIZES.

4. REQUEST YOU PRESENT ABOVE PLANS TO SOVIET SIDE WITH REMINDER THAT SINCE VESSEL NOT ON REGULAR LISTS, SOVIET MUST SUBMIT FORMAL NOTE TO DEPT AT MINIMUM OF FOURTEEN DAYS PRIOR TO FIRST EVENT. (THAT IS, NOT LATER THAN JULY 9). WHILE EPA HAS BEEN INFORMALLY TOLD THAT NARRAGANSETT AND MOBILE WILL BE ACCEPTABLE, NO ONE CAN COMMIT INTERAGENCY BOARD'S DECISION IN ADVANCE. ACCORDINGLY IMPORTANT FOR SOVIET SIDE TO SUBMIT NOTE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. WE ARE SCHEDULING OUTDOOR RECEPTION WHILE VESSEL AT NARRAGANSETT, AS WELL AS DEPARTURE CEREMONY AT PIER INCLUDING MEMBERS OF PRESS, FEDERAL AND STATE OFFICIALS, AND OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMUNITY. KISSINGER

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